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Rahul offers to resign but CWC says NO

- **KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao likely to quit, say sources**
- **NDA meeting today to formally elect Narendra Modi as leader**

New Delhi, May 25 (UNI)- Congress President Rahul Gandhi offered to resign at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting that began at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters in New Delhi this morning, but his offer was rejected by the CWC.

Moments after the news came in that the Congress President has offered to resign, the CWC clarified that Rahul has not offered to quit. In a clarification, the Congress said that no such offer was made by Rahul Gandhi and that the CWC meeting was still going on.

CWC is meeting to review the party's dismal showing in the national election after the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won over 350 seats. The meeting is being held a day after two State Chiefs of the party sent their resignations to their boss who himself could not keep his traditional seat Amethi in Uttar Pradesh.

In a related development, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President Dinesh Gundu Rao has made up his mind to resign, sources said. Dinesh has decided to quit following the resignations of Uttar Pradesh Congress President Raj Babbar and Odisha Congress President Niranjan Patnaik following the drubbing. Sources said that Dinesh is likely to consult his close confidantes before submitting his resignation.

The CWC meeting, chaired by Rahul Gandhi, is being attended by UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, former PM Manmohan Singh, Uttar Pradesh (East) incharge Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Chief Ministers of four party-ruled States — Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh — and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Senior leader and former Union Minister P. Chidambaram was also present alongside his party colleagues including A.K. Antony, Ahmed Patel, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Sheila Dikshit, and Mallikarjun Kharge, Ambika Soni, Anand Sharma and Jyotiraditya Scindia. Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot also attended the meeting along with their Chhattisgarh counterpart Bhupesh Baghel.

Rahul Gandhi has taken "100 percent responsibility" for the defeat. He had centred his election campaign around Prime Minister Modi, accusing him of corruption in the Rafale deal, unemployment and weak economy. He also ran "chowkidar chor hai" campaign against PM Modi. Ahead of the CWC meeting, several top party leaders claimed that Rahul Gandhi's relentless "chowkidar chor hai" campaign against Narendra Modi was "negative" in its tone and has backfired.

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To Our Readers

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Due to pressure on space, *Weekend Star Supplement* **has not been published today. —Ed.**

CET results: Two students from city among Top 10

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, May 25- The results of Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) 2019 were declared today. The exam, key for entering professional courses in Karnataka, was held on April 29 and 30.

Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda announced the results at the Karnataka Examination Authority Office in Bengaluru this morning. He said that CET will be conducted online from next year and talks were on with National Testing Agency (NTA) in this regard.

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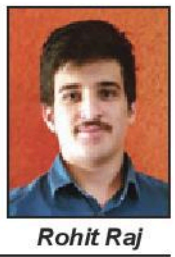

Rohit Raj

Jeffin Biju from Sri Chaitanya Techno PU College, Marthahalli in Bengaluru, has topped CET in Engineering, Mahesh Anand from Sri Chaitanya Techno, Marthahalli, has topped CET in Naturopathy and Yogic Science.

CET topper of B.Sc Agriculture is Keerthana M. Arun of NPS, Rajajinagar and topper of B.Sc Veterinary Science is again Mahesh Anand of Sri Chaitanya Techno. Topper of CET Pharmacy is Sai Saketika Chekuri of Sri Chaitanya Techno, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru. Engineering Topper Jeffin Biju is 2nd in CET Pharmacy.

In Mysuru, Rohit Raj of Ramakrishna Vidyashala secured sixth rank in B.Sc (Agriculture) and 60th rank in Engineering and Vasudeva of BASE PU College secured second rank in Naturopathy and Yogic Science and seventh rank in Pharmacy.

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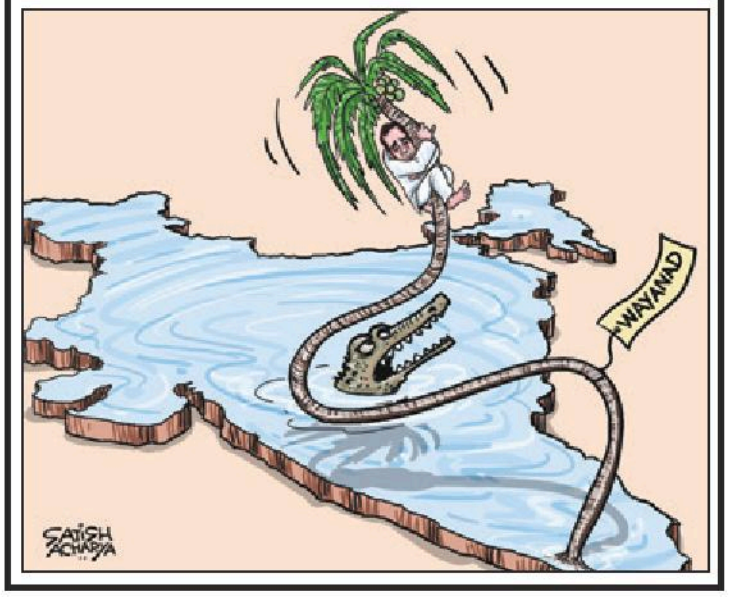
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Back to the *Salt Mines*

Even as the world was watching, the drama of the nation's election of members for a five-year term in the 17th Lok Sabha has ended this week with the final Act of the Play, counting the votes followed by disclosing the outcome. The incumbent ruling party, having got past the winning post, is scheduled to begin its second innings to shoulder the responsibility of governing the country after going through the paces of formally putting the Members of the Cabinet in their station of duty. The euphoria of the victorious contestants in the polls to the 542 seats of the august House and the disappointment of the vanquished shall last for a while. For the team members vested with their respective portfolios, the next five years are marked by the idiom *Back to the salt mines*, given the din, more than orderly debates, that the House is headed for, thanks to the dissidence on various issues, expressed with high decibel harangues. The nation's diaspora has no option except to grin and bear it all, with the media playing the role of communicator.

The Election Commission of India, as acknowledged by people in informed circles, has done a splendid job of conducting a virtually flawless election. The thousands of men and women, drawn from Government Departments, and deployed on the daunting work of enabling the 900-million-strong electorate to cast the votes as well as the law-keeping force are the unsung heroes and heroines deserving unalloyed adoration.

While those who have *earned* the favourable verdict of the voting millions to be their representatives are entitled to spend the next few days in celebratory mode, the rest not finding favour of the voters, particularly the seasoned vote-seekers who are in a state of shock, shall have to go back to the drawing board as it were and ponder over the factors behind their discomfiture. As for the successful contestants of some 35 political parties, as partners in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), their task is clearly cut out. Firstly, the agendas remaining unaddressed, namely jobs for the educated youth, basic necessities of life, water for drinking and agriculture figuring at the top, mitigating the hardship of farmers, reining in the rogue elements bugging society, disciplining the masses given to wayward conduct disdainfully and what have you. Nextly, resolving the well-marked problems that are a legacy from the previous administrations.

The Opposition parties in the nation's Parliament are entitled to dissent on various issues, but the nation's people cannot afford to be apathetic towards their duties and responsibilities in joining hands with the Government of the day and contribute to their own welfare. As the poet wrote, "Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever" (says the Democracy that we are).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REAL EDUCATION: ***The results of Class X and XII have come for almost all Boards. The social media is flooded with elated parents giving congratulatory messages to their wards. The burden that befalls both the successful and the not-so academically successful students after this ostentatious display of parental ego is unbearable. The peer and parental pressure the academically 'brilliant' student has to carry throughout life is worse than the temporary disappointment of the not-so successful. This is not to demean the tremendous effort each child would have put to score in the examination and the top marks many have scored are an indication of the hard work a student can do. However, it is just that. It has no relationship with the critical thinking ability, the creativity or the imagination of the child.*** — *Anand Neelakantan in The New Sunday Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man slapped 52 times by girlfriend for not buying her phone

Beijing: A man was allegedly slapped in public a whopping 52 times by his girlfriend, who was apparently upset that he hadn't bought her a new smartphone for Chinese Valentine's Day.

While most Chinese couples celebrated May 20th, or "520" – one of the Asian country's three yearly 'lovers' days' – in a romantic way, one pair in Sichuan province decided to cause a shocking scene instead. Videos captured by nearby surveillance cameras as well as passers-by and later shared on social media showed a young woman slapping her boyfriend in the street while viciously scolding him for allegedly failing to buy her a new smartphone as a gift. Although the footage doesn't show all the slaps, Police later confirmed that the man endured no less than 52 of them under the shocked gazes of strangers gathered to witness his humiliation.

Russian beach covered with man-made stone towers

Cape Vyatlina: Cape Vyatlina, in the Russian Far East, is being called as the Russian Stonehenge in recent years, after people started building stone towers on its rocky beach. Today, there are hundreds of them, and new ones are erected almost every day.

Many of these original towers, some up to 3.5-meters-tall, were destroyed by the collapse of a nearby grotto, but other locals and tourists took it upon themselves to restore them and even add to their number. Today, there are several hundreds of these hand-stacked stone towers covering the beach at Cape Vyatlina and building them has become somewhat of a superstition.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes a stroke?

Ischemic strokes are caused by an obstruction in a vessel supplying blood to the brain. 87% of strokes are Ischemic. Much less common, Haemorrhagic strokes are the result of a weakened artery wall that ruptures.

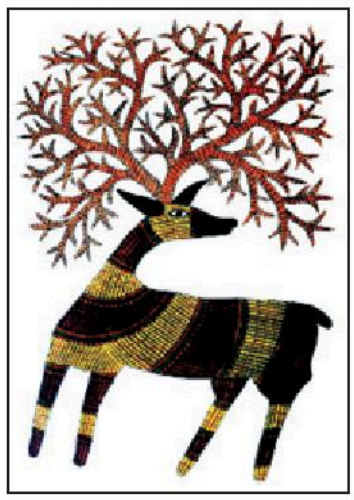
** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Training in Gond Tribal Painting at IGRMS from May 28 to June 6

Mysuru, May 25 - Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), National Museum of Mankind, Ministry of Culture, Southern Regional Centre, has decided to hold an Education Programme under "Do & Learn' series on Gond Tribal Painting from Madhya Pradesh, at its Wellington House on Irwin Road here from May 28 to June 6.

The training will be given by the well-known artist Ram Singh and his assistant from Madhya Pradesh for 10 days.

The training is open to public and the interested participants may contact J. Vijay Mohan, Officer-In-Charge, IGRMS, on Ph: 0821-2448231.



Raw material cost will have to be borne by the participants. The individually prepared items are issued to the participants after the training programme.

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on general election held in Coorg

Sir,

This refers to Shanthi Ganapathy's interesting eye-witness account of the first general election held in Coorg (Kodagu) in 1951 (*SOM* dated May 21, 2019). However, there is one inaccuracy in the article. Shanthi Ganapathy says that just before the election, Kodagu was offered the choice of either remaining a State, or of joining Mysore.

The mammoth task of reorganising the nearly 590 States in India, soon after 1947, was entrusted to the States Reorganisation Commission (SRC), set up by the Parliament of India. It was already decided to reorganise the States on linguistic basis.

After extensive work of visiting every nook and corner of the country, the SRC recommended the formation of 21 States by demarcating their boundaries based on the language spoken by the majority in the area.

In Kodagu, Kannada was universally spoken, it was the official administrative language along with English during the British rule, and Kannada was the medium of instruction in all the schools since 1834. The local Kodava language is a dialect and has no script of its own.

Moreover, the area of Kodagu is 4,010 square kilometres and the population in 1947 was a little short of 2 lakhs. If Kodagu was offered a choice, then all the other 590 States and many other areas too would have demanded separate Statehood. The very purpose of SRC would have been defeated. The Central Government was firm and was also tactful in executing this delicate exercise. Finally, the newly-formed States were sanctified in the Parliament by the 7th Amendment to the Constitution of India in 1956.

—C.P. Belliappa
Kodagu
22.5.2019

NOTE: *This correspondent C.P. Belliappa is the son of C.M. Poonacha, the first and the only Chief Minister of Kodagu 'C' State (27 March 1952 - 31 October 1956) a veteran Congressman. Later, Poonacha was the Union Railway Minister and much later during Janata Party Government, Governor of Orissa, now Odisha.*

—Ed

Free memory enhancement seminar from today

Mysuru, May 25- Mind Power Learning Systems, Mysuru, has organised a free memory enhancement seminar for businessmen, students, professionals, doctors and engineers, at S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, JLB Road, from May 25 to 27 at 6.30 pm.

The seminar will be conducted by S. Prashanth, Founder-Director of Mind Power Learning Systems, who also holds a national record in memory competition.

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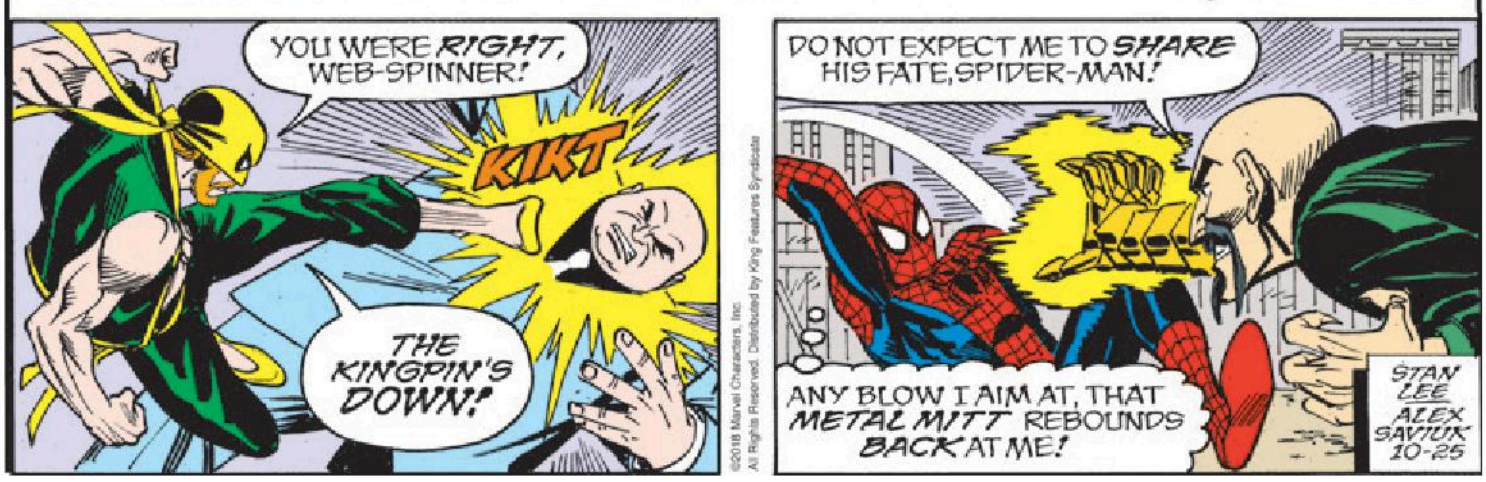
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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications from eligible students studying from 5th to 10th standard at Government-recognised schools for admission to JSS Pre-Matric Boys Hostel for 2019-20 at Ramapura in Kollegal of Chamarajanagar. The hostel inmates will be provided free accommodation and food. Application can be obtained from the Hostel Warden and filled form should be submitted before May 29. For details, call Mob: 94499-94081.

Sahitya Chavadi

Kalasuruchi, under its 'Sahitya Chavadi-Samvada' programme being held on the last Sunday of every month, has organised an interaction with Dr. K. Thimmaiah, Assistant Professor, Maharaja's College, on May 26 at 10.30 am on Tribals' life as portrayed by Masti Venkatesha Iyengar in his novel 'Kakanakote' at Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar [Ph: 0821-2541795].

Evening College

The University of Mysore (UoM) Evening College has invited applications from candidates for admission to BA, B.Com and BBM courses for 2019-20. Admission forms are available at the College office from 10 am to 4.30 pm. Last date to apply is July 1 and with penal fee July 8. Admission form is priced Rs.200. For details, call Ph: 0821-2422932 or 2419244.

Drawing Contest

As part of International Museum Day, Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Manav Bhavan, Bogadi, has organised a drawing contest for school children on May 27 at 10 am at its premises. Special lectures by Dr. B. Francis Kulirani, Dr. Suresh Patil, Dr. C.R. Sathyanarayanan, Prof. H.K. Bhat and Prof. P.K. Misra are also arranged, according to a press release from the Centre Head Dr. Mithun Sikdar.

Ilayaraja Sangeethotsava

As an initiative to extend financial support for education of auto drivers' kins, the city's Ninaad Musical Trust will be organising Music Maestro Ilayaraja Sangeethotsava at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city at 5.30 pm on June 1. The event also marks the birthday celebration of Music Maestro Ilayaraja. The event will feature top singers such as S. Rajesh, Dr. Suchetana Rangaswamy of SaRiGaMaPa-fame, Usha Kokila, Sinchana Dikshit, Neethu Subramanya and others. The entry tickets are priced at Rs.200, Rs.500 and Rs.1,000. For details, call Mob: 98458-60528 or 91138-22807 or 98863-25222.

Sunitha Puttannaiah has a set of demands for Sumalatha

Pandavapura, May 25- Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRSS) leader Sunitha Puttannaiah, wife of late farmer-leader K.S. Puttannaiah, thanked workers of the Sangha and members of all progressive organisations for electing independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish from Mandya Parliamentary constituency with a record margin of votes.

Speaking to reporters at a press conference held in the town yesterday, she complimented Sumalatha for the magnificent victory over JD(S)-Congress coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy with a huge margin of more than 1.25 lakh votes. She also thanked voters of Melukote Assembly segment for giving more than 15,000 lead votes to Sumalatha.

She demanded the newly-elected MP to work for the welfare of farmers besides to strive hard for rejuvenation of My-Sugar Factory and to restart the Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Kharkhane (PSSK) without allowing privatisation.

Sunitha Puttannaiah

Sumalatha

"Both the factories are the lifeline of the region. Sumalatha must protect the interests of sugarcane growers of the district. The Government must also open the sugarcane factories by the end of June and start crushing sugarcane in the larger interest of the farmers," she added.

Sunitha Puttannaiah also urged Sumalatha to fight illegal stone mining around KRS Dam which is still rampant in Baby Betta Amruth Kaval area in the taluk despite a blanket ban on such activities. The District Administration must stop all illegal stone quarrying around KRS Dam, she said.

She also wanted her to get water released to canals to save standing sugarcane and paddy crops as it has been withering after the stoppage of water to the canals from the KRS Dam.

Raitha Sangha President A.L. Kempugowda, Raitha Sangha leaders K.T. Govindegowda, Nagaraj, K.S. Dayanand, Muralidhar, Manjunath, Town Municipal Council Member Partha, Ashok, H.L. Prakash, Engineer Yogesh, Gopal, Prabhakar and others were present at the press meet.

SWABHIMAANI VICTORY RALLY ON MAY 29

Sumalatha Ambarish said that the birth anniversary celebrations of her husband and late actor-turned politician M.H. Ambarish and Swabhimaani victory rally will be held on May 29 in Mandya in the presence of the late actor's fans and a large gathering of self-respecting people of the constituency.

Speaking to reporters, after offering puja to Ambarish's Samadhi at Kanteerava Studios in Bengaluru on account of his sixth-month death ceremony yesterday, she said that sandalwood actor Darshan, Yash and other supporters who worked hard for her victory will also be present in the rally.

Replying to a query on her victory as the first lady independent candidate from the State after 52 years, she dedicated her victory to self-respecting people of Mandya and thanked the voters of her constituency for creating a history of sorts.

She said that people elected her despite JD(S) humiliated her during electioneering and Congress dumping her by denying ticket to contest. "Now, I have a great responsibility of keeping their (people) promise and faith reposed on me", she said.

Sumalatha further said that she was expecting a landslide victory after coming to know that more than 50 percent of women voters exercised their rights.

MP Pratap Simha may get berth in Union Cabinet

New Delhi, May 25- With Karnataka electing 25 BJP MPs to the Lok Sabha, the BJP Central leadership is mulling on giving more representation to the State.

Pratap Simha

Accordingly, eight BJP MPs from the State may find berth in the Union Cabinet.

Those in the race are Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Udupi-Chikkamagalur MP Shobha Karandlaje, Bengaluru North MP D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Dharwad MP Prahlad Joshi, Vijayapura MP Ramesh Jigajinagi, Kalaburagi MP Dr. Umesh Jadhav, Bidar MP Bhagwanth Khuba and Bagalkot MP P.C. Gaddigoudar.

While Pratap Simha, Shobha Karandlaje and D.V. Sadananda Gowda belong to Vokkaliga community, P.C. Gaddigoudar and Bhagwanth Khuba belong to Veerashiva-Lingayat community, Prahlad Joshi belongs to Brahmin community and Dr. Umesh Jadhav and Ramesh Jigajinagi are from SC community.

Dr. Umesh Jadhav is a giant killer who defeated veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge in Kalaburagi.

Pratap Simha, Shobha and Khuba are two-term MPs, while Prahlad Joshi, Ramesh Jigajinagi, P.C. Gaddigoudar are four-time MPs and Dr. Umesh Jadhav is entering the Lok Sabha for the first time.

Cong. candidate says he would introspect on his defeat

Mysuru, May 25 (PM&DM)- Defeated Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Congress candidate C.H. Vijayashankar has said that he would soon convene a meeting to introspect on the reasons for his defeat.

Vijayashankar

Speaking to *SOM* yesterday, Vijayashankar said that it would be inappropriate to issue statements based on prima facie reasons and he would soon convene a meeting of both the Congress and JD(S) workers to receive inputs on the causes of his defeat.

Expressing concern over the huge mandate for the BJP, Vijayashankar said that a strong opposition is needed for the success of democracy.

Regretting the defeat of stalwarts like Mallikarjun Kharge, Veerappa Moily, K.H. Muniyappa and H.D. Deve Gowda, he observed that the Parliament needed such tall leaders to debate key issues. Maintaining that the rumblings in JD(S)-Congress coalition had hurt his prospects, Vijayashankar said it was up to the District Ministers of Mysuru and Kodagu to give an explanation.

Claiming that grass-root level workers of JD(S) and Congress were yet to come together although the two parties are running a Coalition Government in the State, Vijayashankar said that the two parties should learn lessons from the defeat and work with better co-ordination.

Would not like to blame others for my defeat: Dhruvanarayan

Mysuru, May 25 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that he would not like to put the blame on others for his loss, defeated Chamarajanagar LS Congress candidate R. Dhruvanarayan has said that he would himself take the blame for his defeat.

Dhruvanarayan

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Dhruvanarayan said he lost by a thin margin and he would not have lost had there been a proper co-ordination between JD(S) and Congress workers. Stating that elections came even before the coalition partners could finalise seat-sharing deal, the former MP regretted lack of co-ordination between Congress and JD(S) workers.

Claiming that Congress campaign was better than that of the BJP, Dhruvanarayan thanked the voters for supporting him all these years and added that he would discuss his defeat with the Congress top brass.

It is up to the party to give me Cabinet berth: Prasad

Mysuru, May 25 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that he is yet to make up his mind on becoming a Union Minister, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad has said that it is, however, left to the BJP Central leadership to make him a Union Minister.

Sreenivasa Prasad

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Sreenivasa Prasad said that his first priority was to work for the welfare of the people.

Stating that the BJP has found roots in Congress-dominated Assembly segments such as Varuna, T. Narsipur, H.D. Kote etc., Prasad said that he would thank the people of the Constituency for reposing faith in him.

Claiming that the Congress influence is rapidly on the decline, Prasad said that the voters of his constituency have taught a lesson to former CM and CLP leader Siddharamaiah.

Justice A.S. Bopanna sworn-in as SC Judge

New Delhi, May 25- Four new Judges were sworn-in yesterday at the Supreme Court (SC), two of whom will go on to be the Chief Justices of India (CJI) in the line of seniority. Justice B.R. Gavai will become the CJI for over six months in 2025. He will be the second CJI from the Scheduled Caste community after Justice (retd.) K.G. Balakrishnan.

A.S. Bopanna

Justice Surya Kant will succeed Justice Gavai as the CJI in November 2025. He will remain in office till February 2027. The two other Judges sworn-in on May 24 are Jharkhand High Court and Gauhati High Court Chief Justices Aniruddha Bose and Ajjikuttira S. Bopanna.

On May 8, the Collegium led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had refused the Government's request to reconsider the elevation of these two Judges to the apex Court. The Collegium's reiteration had made it binding on the Government to clear their appointments. With these four new appointments, the Supreme Court will function with its full sanctioned judicial strength of 31 Judges.

Justice A.S. Bopanna was appointed as a Judge of the Karnataka High Court on Jan. 6, 2006 and was elevated as Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court on Oct. 29, 2018. Justice Bopanna stands at Sl. No.36 in the combined seniority of High Court Judges on all-India basis. He is probably the first Judge from Kodava community to be a Supreme Court Judge.

Justice Bopanna was born in 1959 and enrolled as an advocate on Nov. 21, 1984, practised in civil, constitutional, company and service matters in the High Court as well as the civil and labour courts. He also worked as a Legal Advisor to Central Public Sector Undertakings, and worked as Additional Central Government Standing Counsel from 1999 to 2005.

Justice Bopanna was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Karnataka on Jan.6, 2006, and became a permanent Judge on Jan.3, 2007. He is the son of late Ajjikuttira N. Somaiah of Pollibetta, Kodagu.

Eye camp at MRC Eye Hospital

Mysuru, May 25- Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital will conduct a free cataract screening camp on May 27 at MRC Eye Hospital in city from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2472102, according to a press release from the Hospital.

Three-day artificial limb camp in city

Mysuru, May 25- The Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, in association with Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC), Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Bhagawan Mahaveer Angavikalara Sahakara Samithi, Jaipur and various Community Groups, have organised a three-day free artificial limb camp from May 25 to 27 at District Disability Rehabilitation Centre in Tilak Nagar here.

Interested people with disabilities from all the eight taluks of the district may make use of this opportunity, according to the release.

For details, call M.P. Ramesh, Project Manager, Community-based Rehabilitation Project, SVYM, on Mob: 98455-61362 or G.S. Santosh on Mob: 89516-89730 or Ph: 0821-2490222.

This community-based rehabilitation project for the welfare of people with disabilities in Mysuru and Kodagu districts has been implemented for a period of three years from 2018-19.

This project aims at identifying the people with disabilities at rural-level through surveys, sensitising people for prevention of disability, initiating skill and professional-based training, ensuring government facilities like getting medical certificates, identity certificates, free bus and railway passes, besides empowering by holding social, economic empowerment workshops.

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Disability not a hindrance for achievement

Ganesh Eshwar Bhat of city plays keyboard with just two fingers

Mysuru, May 25 (YDS&US)- Physical disability is only for the body and not the mind. If one is determined to achieve, any physical disability will not be a hindrance. A living proof to this theory is **Ganesh Eshwar Bhat** hailing from Koojalli in Kumta taluk of Uttara Kannada District and now residing at Gangothri Layout in city.

Ganesh plays keyboard with just two fingers. In International Para Games held in April 2019, in Sri Lanka, Ganesh has won a gold and a silver medal in 50m and 100m freestyle swimming respectively.

Ganesh came to Mysuru and joined JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSS PDA) and obtained a Diploma in Architecture but his passion was always music.

Ganesh was born disabled with just one finger in each hand and one toe in each foot and he says that his mother and grandmother too had similar disability.

A file photo of Ganesh Eshwar Bhat playing keyboard during one of the events.

Hailing from a family of musicians, Ganesh's father Eshwar Bhat was a good Yakshagana artiste and a flautist.

Probably, inspired by his father, Ganesh learnt Hindustani music at an young age from Shadakshara Gawai in Kumta and also started playing Jalatarang before switching over to keyboard. After coming to Mysuru, he continued learning music with Veerabhadraiah Hiremath.

Becoming an expert on keyboard, Ganesh has performed all over India and abroad. He has performed along with Shankar Shanbag, M.D. Pallavi, C. Ashwath, Puttur Narasimha Nayak, Vani Jayaram, B.K. Sumithra and others. He has also played keyboard in front of former President late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and obtained an appreciation certificate. He has also given performance on Akshavani and Doordsrshan.

Medals / Awards

Along with his win in International Para Games in Sri Lanka, Ganesh has won prizes in 50m and 100m Freestyle Swimming in Para Olympics held in Nepal in 2018.

Ganesh has won Kadambi Seetharam Iyengar Memorial Award from Suryodaya Welfare Organisation for Physically Challenged, Bengaluru; 'Bilva' Award from Rotary Inner Wheel Club, Mandya; 'Kavya Dasara' Award from Hoysala Kannada Sangha and several other awards.

In short, Ganesh has become an inspiration for all Physically Challenged people and he is ably supported by his wife Vanishree who too is a good Karnatak vocalist. Ganesh recalls that everybody discouraged and dissuaded him when he wanted to learn keyboard but went on with grit and determination to achieve his goal.

"Classroom instruction should be based on constructivist approach"

Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former faculty of RIE, seen with the teachers of VVS BMSri Educational Institutions and staff Chandrashekar, Swaroopa, Head Mistress, Uma Anniah, Administrator, N. Ramesh, Principal, Sundaresh, Chandrashekar and Kavitha.

Mysuru, May 25- The classroom instruction needs to be based on the constructivist approach to make students understand the subject matter better, said Dr. N. N. Prahallada, former Faculty, Regional Institute of Education, RIE, NCERT, Mysuru while orienting teachers of VVS BMSri Educational Institute, Kuvempunagar, on the theme "Teaching Styles" recently.

Dr. Prahallada said the prime responsibility of every teacher is to help every child to comprehend the subject matter with independent thinking. In the constructivist approach, teachers must encourage students to participate in classroom discussion and contribute for the understanding of the concept. Professors like Chamski, Vygotsky, Novo and others have done a lot of work on constructivism.

He further said that Flipped Classroom instruction is known as Inverted Classroom where teachers will ask the students to prepare themselves the lesson well the previous day and come to the class the next day so that teaching-learning becomes easy for students.

N. Ramesh Principal, CBSE School section, Swaroopa Head Mistress, State School, and Uma Anniah, Administrator VVS BMSri Institute were present.

As many as 40 teachers participated in the orientation programme.

Bank Note Paper Mill provides CSR grants to RUDSET

Mysuru, May 25- "RUDSET Institute is doing yeoman service to the rural unemployed youth of Mysuru district and we will support the cause of RUDSET to strengthen RSETI Movement in the country," said K. G. Viswanathan, Managing Director, Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru. He was addressing the gathering after providing CSR grants to RUDSETI, Mysuru.

M. Janardhan, Executive Director, Central Secretariat, RUDSET Institutes, Ujire, in his presidential address thanked Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd., for its concern in rural development and opined that their help will go a long way in building institutional relationship and mitigating unemployment problem in the country through training intervention by RUDSETIs.

A.K. Mandal, Chief General Manager, Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt Ltd., Mysuru, S.Sundarraj, Dy. General Manager, Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt Ltd., Mysuru and other officials of Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd., were present on this occasion.

N.G. Lakshman Rao, Director, RUDSETI, Mysuru, welcomed and informed about the importance of the programme. V. Ravindra, Sr. Faculty, RUDSETI compered and proposed vote of thanks. Members of DLRAC, Staff of RUDSETI and other dignitaries and trainees of the on-going batch attended the programme.

Special lectures on Science in city tomorrow

Mysuru, May 25-The CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru, along with the prestigious research Institutions of the Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster, is organising an outreach programme of popular Science lectures.

The lectures will be held on May 26 at 4 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar.

Prof. Raghu Padinjat and Prof. Varadharajan Sundaramurthy, renowned scientists from the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, will be speaking respectively on "Applying Modern Technology to Understanding diseases of the Brain" and "Invisible Killers."

For details contact Mob: 9886640328, according to a press release from A. S. K. V. S. Sharma, Coordinator, Information and Publicity, CSIR-CFTRI.

Antimicrobial Stewardship training

Mysuru, May 25- Every year, 7 lakh people die worldwide, due to antimicrobial resistant infections. Antimicrobial resistance is the ability of bacteria, virus or other parasites, to stop the working of antibiotics, antiviral and anti-malarial. As a result, standard treatments become ineffective.

Over-prescription of antibiotics and ability to purchase and use antibiotics even without prescription, has led to the rapid spread of antimicrobial resistance. Antibiotic Stewardship Protocols help to optimise treatment of infections and reduce the adverse events and resistance associated with antibiotic use.

Keeping this in mind, the Central Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), IAP Infectious Diseases Chapter and IAP Mysuru District Branch are hosting an "Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme" at JSS Hospital's Sri Rajendra centenary auditorium in city on May 26 at 9.30 am.

The training module will be conducted by eminent Clinicians and national leaders of Central Indian Academy of Paediatrics. Over 150 medical professionals will participate, according to Dr. Rajeshwari Madappa, President, IAP-Mysuru [94480-55471].

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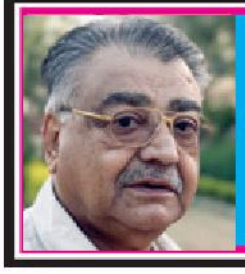


Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Modi's march of VICTORY

Here is the checklist for five years...

The whole world loves the winner, failure is an orphan. Today the whole world loves Narendra Modi. Rahul Gandhi is an orphan. So also those of the *Mahagathbandhan,* an alliance of 21 regional parties and ginger groups arraigned against Modi. The ones discarded and deserted by the voters are H.D. Deve Gowda of JD-S in Karnataka; N. Chandrababu Naidu of TDP in Andhra Pradesh who was routed in the Assembly polls as well and Mamata Banerjee of Trinamool Congress in West Bengal. The saying **'Pride goes before the fall'** applies to these leaders very well.

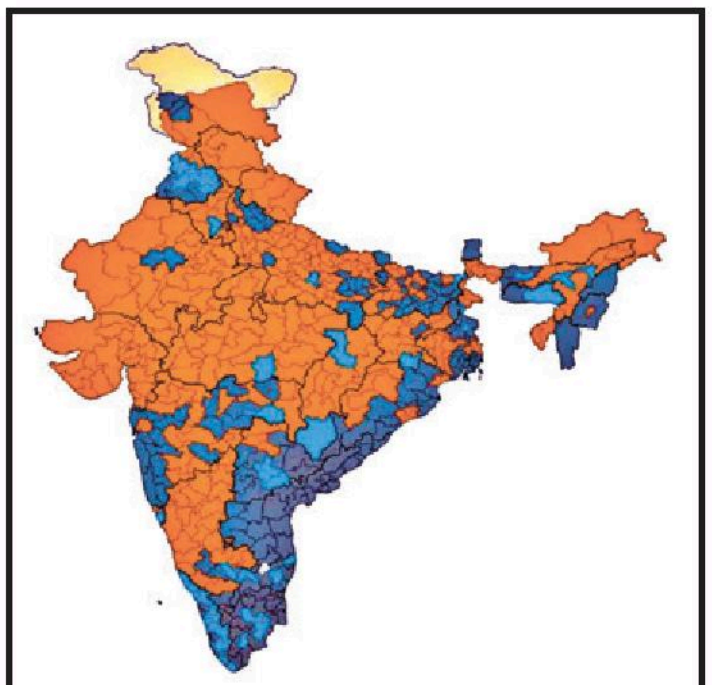
The acrimonious way Naidu was behaving towards the last phases of polling — meeting leaders of the *Mahagathbandhan,* going to the Supreme Court and the Election Commission — challenging the validity of the EVMs, was appalling. His total rout in the polls in his own State seems like an act of retribution by Goddess Nemesis as a punishment for his sinister, evil designs against Narendra Modi.

This massive victory of BJP under Modi's leadership reminds me of Rajiv Gandhi who in December 1984 had won a landslide 411 seats in the House of 542. Needless to say, at that time the sympathy factor of his mother Indira Gandhi's assassination was working for him.

But the victory of Narendra Modi is incomparable to all earlier victories of political parties because Modi had neither the Dynasty nor a Party of over 100 years old nor any sympathy factor working for him for a victory of this magnitude. In fact, at the individual level, Modi had only disadvantages. He is from a backward community. He belongs to a poor *chaiwala* family without elitist education.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the Members of Lutyens' Delhi and Khan Market Gang spoke about Modi in a derisively despicable manner as if he is an untouchable. Which was why, Modi was called a *'Neech'* and fit only to sell tea like he was doing in his younger days by the Congress honchos. Personal attacks on Modi was so acrimonious, it went beyond the point of decency. They brought in his late father, his aged mother and did not spare even his wife. This does not indeed behove well for the Nehru family and its coterie. But at the end, providence seems to have played its role and Modi had his revenge with this massive victory.

The result of this 2019 election, compared to the previous one, clearly indicates that it is an **inclusive mandate** where even minorities, specially ladies, have supported Narendra Modi



The leaders of Congress and its allies could not match Modi's popularity in 2014. Later, much as they would try to diminish his popularity during the first five years in Office, they could do nothing. Rather Modi has become more popular now in 2019 than when he was first elected five years ago. The result is here for all to see. Probably, all those Opposition heroes, who spewed venom and hurled abuses at Modi since 2014, now have to eat their own words, suffer indigestion and deal with him for the next five years.

The result of this election, compared to the previous one, clearly indicates that it is an inclusive mandate where even minorities, specially ladies, have supported Modi.

However, here is a checklist of problems that Modi should address and resolve in his second term if he were to leave a legacy behind for history as a **'Brave Prime Minister of India.'** They concern the security of the country, integrity of the country (remember the *Tukde Tukde Gang?),* J&K and developmental projects, National Polices on Health, Education, Law and Order.

To certain sections of our people, the Constitution is the only Holy Book of India. But then, a Holy Book is never amended; neither a verse is added nor deleted. But our Constitution has been amended 103 times; sometimes for sinister reasons and sometimes for the good of the country. Therefore, we cannot call our Constitution as a Sacred or a Holy Book. **At best we can call it as the 'Mother of all Laws' of this country.** It is possible that when we say *'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'* it is like saying, "Victory to the Mother of all Laws of Bharat, that is India"! A *Magna Carta* of a kind — a document constituting a fundamental guarantee of rights and privileges for "We, the people of India." **Therefore, Modi should be allowed to do whatever is contemplated in our Constitution, even under the Directive Principles, by the Opposition and his own Party.**

Be that as it may, here is the checklist for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to keep him busy for the remaining five years of his term:

1. Building of Ram Temple in Ayodhya. The fact that BJP did not make this an issue in this election will not absolve BJP, in its second term in Office, from delivering its promise on the temple.

2. Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 (NRC).

3. Triple Talaq Bill: The Bill makes all declaration of talaq, including in written or electronic form, to be void (that is, not enforceable in law) and illegal.

4. Sending corrupt politicians and businessmen who cheated our Banks, to jail. Modi had said in his election speeches that he had already brought these accused persons near the prison gates and the unfinished task will be completed if he is elected. Now that he is elected, he must keep his words.

5. Prosecuting corrupt Government Officials: At present, Government permission is required to prosecute Government Officials against whom FIR on corruption charges are filed. It is learnt papers related to these cases are pending with the Government for years. If permission is given and they are prosecuted, it will send a proper message to all corrupt Officials.

6. Terrorist activities: Quick and severe action should be taken against those indulging in terrorist activities without playing vote-bank or communal politics.

7. Finding a final solution to J&K problem. Immediate decision should be taken to **integrate** Jammu and Kashmir with India by removing the two **Anti-Secular and Anti-National Integration Articles in the Constitution — Article 370 and 35A.** India does not need either Pakistan or Hurriyat's permission for this. Let us deal with PoK later or not at all. **This will make India a genuine Secular country.** What Secularism are we talking about now when J&K enjoys Special Status among all other States of the country simply because it has Muslim majority? And what kind of National Integration are we talking about when Indians cannot buy property in Jammu and Kashmir *per se?*

8. Resettle all the Kashmiri Pandits, who were mercilessly driven away from their original home and hearth, in their Home State Kashmir.

9. Common Civil Code: Secularists, who swear by the Constitution, should be made to realise that it is a **Constitutional obligation** for the Government and Narendra Modi should make it a reality.

10: Bring back **Black Money,** no matter I do not get my Rs. 15 lakh you promised in 2014!

Enough for now.

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"Only good faculty can inspire students"

ATME Says ATME College of Engineering Chairman L. Arun Kumar

ATME College of Engineering

In the new-age Colleges that have come up in city, one thing that stands out is the infrastructure. In this category if there is one College that truly stands apart, it is the ATME (Academy for Technical and Management Excellence) College of Engineering on Mysuru-Bannur Road. The visionary Chairman of ATME *L. Arun Kumar* ***spoke to*** *Star of Mysore* ***at his state-of-the-art College campus situated on a hillock, overlooking the verdant greenery all around, about the 'Dynamics' of the institution, reason for starting the College, the importance given to industry-institute interaction, placements and above all the faculty-student relationship which truly establishes that ATME is an institution with a difference.***

Arun Kumar, Chairman Shivashankar, Secretary Veeresh, Treasurer

Star of Mysore (SOM): Engineering Colleges have mushroomed all over the country but still it must have been a bold move on your part to start one in city?

Arun Kumar: In fact, when we first conceptualised establishing an Engineering College even we had taken note of this point that there are so many Colleges. When we started our College in 2010 there were seven Engineering Colleges in city. Then we thought our College should be something different from others. Then a brainstorming was done as to what are the things that are going to be different.

We realised that the College we will be building is going to be 10 to 13 kms away from Mysuru. Still we wanted to have our own USP (unique selling proposition) so that students and parents can come out of their comfort zone and get admission in our College. So, what are those USPs? The USP is, we will not wait for the companies to come and pick up our students during their placement activities. What we will do is we will showcase our capabilities. That is why have started this domain specific training programmes.

Our students will be trained in a particular domain and we circulate the information to those companies interested in that particular domain. Only those companies which are interested in those domains will come and pick up the students. We need not have to parade our students in front of all the companies and get rejections. This is what our USP is. We are training our students in VLSI (very-large scale integration). Likewise in Mechanical Engineering we are training in Robotics and Mechatronics, in Electrical we are giving domain specific training in SCADA and Automation, in Civil we are training students in CAD. We have companies like CISCO networks, Frenus Technology and what they are doing is they have established training centres in our College. Not only old students, new students who are joining in and around Mysuru are accommodated here and given training.

SOM: The Founders of ATME, all with Civil Engineering background of which you are the Chairman, are a part of the institution. How has the challenge been to run it?

Arun Kumar: Yes, all the three, K. Shivashankar, who is the Secretary, R. Veeresh, the Treasurer and me, the Chairman, all come from Civil Engineering background. We have already been running our enterprises like Civil Engineering, Skill Tech engineers which are into infrastructure development and we are managing a company called Techno Power Corporation, manufacturing electrical transformers in Peenya, Bengaluru. We also have Effia Technology, an IT solution company in Bengaluru. And while managing all these companies we have been interacting with different types of engineers like Civil, Electrical, IT and hence in the companies we are managing we know the shortcomings of engineers like how graduate engineers are mismatched when they enter the actual workplace. We then thought why not we start a College wherein a kind of finishing touch will be given to graduates so they will be industry ready by the time they pass out.

SOM: It is good to see that you have stringent policies of recruitment of faculty with almost 50 Professors having Ph.Ds. This is generally not the scenario as we find that due to various factors teachers who have just graduated are recruited. How much of a difference has it made to students?

Arun Kumar: Definitely it makes a lot of difference. For that matter an educational institution is all about intangible assets which can be rated only by faculty members. When I say intangible assets it could be research activities, paper publication, consultancy, project work they undertake, all these matter. As I said, we wanted our College to stand apart from others. Our students are going to be involved in actual project work, that is hands-on experience. What our faculty members are doing is, since most of them have already got their Ph.Ds and some pursuing their Ph.Ds, they are involving the students with their research. When they are publishing papers they are involving the students who are becoming co-authors of the publications. This is what is happening as far as research is concerned at the under-graduate level which is also found in Universities abroad. All this we have offered because only a good faculty can inspire students. **I-clicker** is something we give to faculty wherein with this software both the faculty and students benefit as not only students' progress and understanding but how faculty do their work is recorded.

SOM: You also have a scholarship programme like Vidya Asare. What is this all about?

Arun Kumar: This College, for us, is not a profit centre. We have our own commercial enterprises, as I mentioned earlier. After establishing all these companies we thought society has given so much to us why not we give back to the society. Since 2010 we have been investing in this institution ploughing back the money we have generated. Last year what we thought is, we will come with a scheme called ***Vidya Asare*** wherein we will attract some meritorious students and we have given slabs where students who have scored more than 95 per cent in PUC or twelfth will be given free education; they need not pay even a single rupee to our College. Likewise, for 85 to 95 per cent marks, 50 per cent of the tuition fee is waived off. This is for the first 50 students who get enrolled in our College. Last year, about 28 students in different slabs have been benefited. The burden the College has taken is Rs.10.6 lakh every year. This year we have committed Rs.50 lakh.

SOM: Parents today look at state-of-the-art facilities for children. In what way will it be different for students to study here?

Arun Kumar: I can proudly say that our infrastructure is futuristic designed with a foresight for more than 20 to 30 years. I can say that it is a world class infrastructure with the kind of laboratories we have, library, IT infrastructure, auditoriums, seminar halls or even classrooms, so spacious, ventilated, bright and even the landscape that is designed makes the students and the faculty members, who spend almost eight hours a day, especially driving all the way from the city, willingly come back to the campus.

SOM: Industry-Institute interaction is the buzzword today. In what way is ATME moving in this direction?

Arun Kumar: We have a very good Industry-Institute interaction in our College. It is happening in several phases — one is, we regularly call the industry experts to give technical talks, organise workshops, seminars to know about the recent trends and get the update of the industry. The second is we depute our students to industries on an internship basis for about eight to ten weeks, whereas University has made it compulsory for only four weeks. The third is our students will be visiting the industries regularly to get acquainted with the industry environment. But it is two-way, where even our faculties go to their premises and give consultancies on a regular basis.

SOM: How long did it take for you to get NBA accreditation and what are the benefits?

Arun Kumar: I am proud to say that within a span of eight years we got NBA (National Board of Accreditation established by All India Council for Technical Education) accreditation and it is one of the youngest Colleges to get it. The benefit is NBA is the nodal agency for Washington Accord which is signed by about 14 countries and it has an international standard. We can proudly say that our graduate engineers, who have passed out from ATME, are at par with any other engineers who have graduated from other 14 countries and all of them will recognise our engineers. NBA is not a luxury, it is a survival issue because by 2022 each and every Engineering College should have their programmes accredited, otherwise, they may ask us to close down.

SOM: What about placements as you have a separate facility for placements in the College which is rarely seen in other Colleges?

Arun Kumar: It is a continuous process which begins from first year itself towards this placement activity. First year, they will be given communication skills, second year personality enhancement training, third year aptitude training and during the final year they will be given pre-placement training like group discussion, resume writing, interview facing. Because of this training in the last three years consistently 75 per cent of the eligible students are getting placed in good companies like TCS, HP, Infosys and the list is quite big.

And the most important thing is entrepreneurship and our aim is to see that at least five per cent students turn out to be entrepreneurs. If they come with good idea, we give them seed money and the support is continuous. So far, 32 students have become entrepreneurs.

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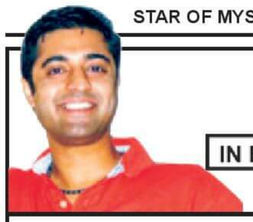

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Vikram Muthanna

"It's the Leadership, Stupid"

Taking a peek into Modi Magic

Narendra Damodardas Modi, India's first Prime Minister to be born in Independent India, on May 23rd also became the first Prime Minister since 1971 to secure a single party majority twice in a row.

The BJP patriarch, L.K. Advani in 2014, after being relegated to the *Margdarshak Mandal*, while congratulating Modi, turned it into a back-handed compliment by saying, "*It is a matter of analysis how much credit should be given to Narendrabhai for this victory!*" Well, he got his answer in 2019 — all of it, all credit goes to Modi.

In fact, according to a survey by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), a New Delhi-based think-tank, a third of BJP voters said they would have supported another party if Modi was not the Prime Ministerial candidate.

Back in 2014, Congress also doubted the worth of Modi's victory when they said Modi used marketing agencies to push his message, as if to say if not for these agencies, BJP would have lost.

Indeed, BJP had used a marketing firm called *McCann World Group*. Modi's campaign was designed by a company called *Soho Square*, that came up with *"Abki baar…", "Janta maaf nahi karegi"* and the *"Achche din..."* slogans. But then, Congress has been using agencies like these since a long time.

In 1984, despite Rajiv Gandhi enjoying a sympathy wave, Congress still hired an ad agency, *Rediffusion* to make sure Rajiv was effectively introduced as the natural heir to Indira Gandhi's position. Rajiv Gandhi's title *'Mr. Clean'* came from them and not from the people. Yes, BJP used agencies to market Modi, but the product has to be marketable first. And Modi was an easy sell in an aspirational India. What did Congress have to sell?

More importantly, Narendra Modi has turned India's Lok Sabha elections into a Presidential election where voters cast their votes based on the Prime Ministerial candidate. The last time someone captivated Indians like this was Indira Gandhi.

Indira had the charisma, was tough and held her own among global leaders. So captivated were the people that Congressmen said, *"Indira is India and India is Indira."* Modi has similar traits but he brings in something new, which is, he fulfils young India's craving for **Indian Pride.** Not just **Hindu Pride** as many would like us to believe.

What is amazing though is the fact that in spite of the Opposition putting forth the issues of joblessness, reduction in farm income, weak industrial production, ineffectiveness of demonetisation and inefficient deployment of GST, BJP still won!

We are sure the campaign manager of former US President Bill Clinton will be dumb-founded. Because, when Bill Clinton's run for a second term in office was marred by Monica Lewinsky affair, they introduced a slogan — *"It's the Economy, Stupid"* — telling people that economy of the nation was more important than a President's indiscretions, Clinton won. Likewise, in India during this election we can say **"It is the Leadership, Stupid."**

Of course, Indians do want a robust economy, improved job market, etc. But for now, they are just glad that they have a PM who has secured a seat among global heavyweight leaders, has muscle in his foreign policy, can communicate effectively and deploy certain schemes efficiently. Also clarity about his *Indian-ness* and talk of *Imandaari* is comforting for most of his non-fanatic voters.

In that sense, Modi is like US President Ronald Reagan, who in the 1980s got a second term in office in spite of a broken economy. His victory was attributed to his communication skills. He was named the *"Teflon President."* We have a *"Teflon Prime Minister"* and a *"Kevlar First Lady"* Amit Shah. Jokes apart, this Bromance has re-engineered Indian politics forever.

BJP has brought a certain corporate culture and structure into politics and every party has to learn. And Jaganmohan Reddy of Andhra Pradesh learnt quickly. That is why he hired Prashant Kishor, the professional campaign manager, who helped the BJP's 2014 campaign. Look what a victory Jagan has had.

Now, just like how a Private Corporation has Mentors, Board of Directors, CEO, the face of the Corporation, COO, Executives etc., BJP has *Margdarshak Mandal* that consults, RSS that overlooks, Modi the face, Amit Shah who handles operations and *Karyakartas*, who have to implement directions and meet targets.

And just like how a Corporation fires non-performers, so does BJP. In Chhattisgarh, in one shot 10 sitting MPs were denied tickets in 2019 for their lack in performance and 10 new faces from second-rung of party workers were given tickets! In fact, BJP changed nearly 115 seats this election! Does any other party have the guts to do this today? No way.

This ability to change faces has forced BJP MPs to work and perform and it also reduces anti-incumbency. That said, yes, Modi too will be replaced and relegated to the *Margdarshak Mandal* one day, the day they find another CEO, who can lead the Party and impress the voters.

On the other hand, Congress is in a state of impasse. Congress would have done much better if Rahul Gandhi had guts. And as they say, no guts no glory.

Rahul has to get rid of all the grey, pompous, elitist dead wood Daddy's friends such as Ashok Gehlot, Kamal Nath, P. Chidambaram, Kapil Sibal, Sam Pitroda, Veerappa Moily, etc., and promote younger leaders.

He had a chance to promote Shashi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot and Milind Deora directly into the Congress Working Committee but he did not. Again, he had an opportunity to promote Sachin Pilot and Jyotiraditya Scindia, the young leaders who delivered in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively in the Assembly elections, but he did not. Instead, he promoted the old horses and what happened is there for all to see.

Let alone promoting, he even sidelined and insulted efficient leaders such as Himanta Biswa Sarma in Assam and Jagan in Andhra.

When Biswa visited Rahul to warn him that Assam needed an overhaul, Rahul, instead of taking him seriously and lending an attentive ear, was playing with his pet dog *'Pidi'*. What happened? Biswa left Congress and like how a Corporation jumps at a talented Executive, BJP grabbed him and look what happened. Biswa delivered Assam to BJP.

Similarly, when Jagan requested he be made Congress President in Andhra after his father's death, as he was the man working with party workers anyway while his father was the CM, he was shunned. He left and see what happened in Andhra.

Congress must not fear good and aspiring leaders. It should stop seeing them as a threat to the Gandhis. Instead they must be encouraged to grow and migrate to the Centre. It not only brings credibility and increases winnability, but also gives hope for hard-working leaders within the party. As the famous advertising guru once said, *"If you want to excel as an organisation, always hire people better than you."*

Also, Secular card is losing currency. Secularism means all religions are equal. How can all Indians be equal when some Indians get special legal privileges? This creates two Indians. And Congress thought this special privilege is good for them and it was... But it has been bad for India's social fabric and also has hindered the merger of Muslim community into mainstream economic and social fabric of this nation. Of course, BJP is no better as they too play the Hindutva card.

But these two strategies are two sides of the same coin. That is why it is said, *"What BJP does in the light of day, Congress has been doing in the dark of night."* And other parties give BJP the ammunition to exploit this Hindu Pride. Like Mamata Banerjee, who by arresting BJP workers who were chanting *"Jai Sri Ram"* in Bengal. Would she dare arrest if any other Party's workers had chanted *"Allah hu Akbar"*? Well, BJP asked this question and yes, polarisation happened. Mamata played to her Muslim voters, BJP played to their Hindu voters. What was lost in this tit-for-tat? West Bengal's non-communal, liberal and intellectual fabric.

Now, before we declare that BJP will keep ruling India like Congress did for a long time, we must realise that **there is a new voter mindset — a 'double mandate' mindset: 'Vote one-way regionally and another way nationally.'**

The proof lies in what happened just a few months ago and what happened on May 23. Just five months ago, Congress won Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. A few days ago, BJP lost the Assembly elections in Andhra, Odisha and Sikkim, that too in the middle of Modi frenzy.

It seems, the voter has decided that when it comes to Assembly elections, they will vote along caste lines. Because for the work that affects a voter directly, like road, water, garbage, site conversion, etc., electing a local man or a person from one's own community as an MLA or a Corporator is helpful.

But when it comes to Lok Sabha, they want a Prime Minister, who puts the nation first and hopefully ushers in effective long-term polices and services. So if anyone thinks that just because Modi has swept the Lok Sabha, the BJP will sweep Vidhan Sabha, they are mistaken.

Congress will survive and it must survive for the sake of a healthy Democracy. They must grow to become a credible Opposition and even win. **No party must rule for too long because absolute power corrupts absolutely — it did the Congress.** Now, if the Congress has to come back, they need to amputate the out-of-touch elitist old leaders who have become gangrenous.

For now, a young India that was orphaned with no leaders to inspire or be proud of, has finally found one in Modi. The first time it was *"Abki Baar Modi Sarkar,"* this time it is *"Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar"* and if Congress does not fix itself, next time it will be *"Modi Sarkar Baar Baar..."*

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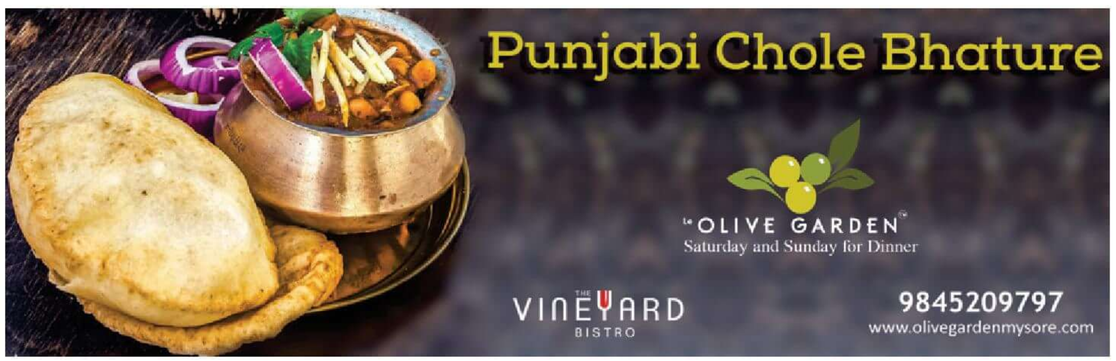

Hundreds of devotees chant 'Bhagavad Gita'

Hundreds of devotees chanting 'Bhagavad Gita' by following the script under the guidance of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji at Sri Ganapathy Ashrama's Nada Mantapa on Ooty Road in city on May 23 as part of the ongoing Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra. Picture alongside shows two six-year-old children, who were the youngest among the 130 children who chanted Bhagavad Gita by memorising all 700 slokas on the occasion. Picture below shows artistes presenting 'Layatharanga'— Percussion Ensemble comprised Vid. Ravichandra Kulur - Flute, Vid. Karthik - Violin, Vid. Giridhar Udupa - Ghata, Vid. Arun Kumar - Drums, Vid. Pramath Kiran - Afro & Latin Percussions, Vid. Siddhartha Belmannu - Vocal, Vid. Bruthuva Caleb - Bass, Vid. VivekSantosh and Vid.Varun Pradeep - Keyboards, Vid. Anirudha Bhat - Mridanga, Vid. Karthik Krishna & Vid. Roopak Kallurkar - Tabla.

World Environment Month events galore by BAI

Mysuru, May 25-The month of June every year is designated as the World Environment Month. To commemorate this, the Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, in collaboration with the Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT), has lined up several programmes:

June 5: Inauguration of Environment Month celebrations by chief guest Anand Malligavad, Young Techie who revived Lakes in Bengaluru, at MBCT auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru at 6.30 pm. For details contact V. Shrinath on Mob: 9845317373.

June 9: Inauguration of BAI Blue Sand Green Marathon by city Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna at Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri at 6 am. For details contact M. Rathnaraj on Mob: 9342184488.

June 12: Planting of saplings in several localities in and around Mysuru. For details contact K.S. Balaji on Mob: 9845115750.

June 16: Drawing and painting competition for school children on the topic: Protection and Preservation of Environment at 10 am at MBCT premises.

June 19: Day with Homemakers - Workshop on use of eco-friendly home appliances & products at 10 am at MBCT. For details contact Chandrashekar Bharadwaj on Mob: 9945517198.

June 23: Treasure Hunt for general public, BAI members and their families at 7 am. For details contact S. Prakash on Mob: 9342151113.

June 30: Trekking in Madikeri (Kote Betta) for BAI members and their families only. For details contact A. Dinesh on Mob: 9448493364, according to a press release from J.V.R. Naidhruva, Chairman, BAI, Mysuru.

Bags 'Gana Kogile' Award

Mysuru, May 25- City Advocate, Notary, writer and singer K.V. Vasu received *Gana Kogile* Award from Swaralaya President Suma Harinath at the 29th Anniversary of Swaralaya School of Music at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in city. He is also the recipient of *Kannada Ratna* and *Kannada Vikasa Ratna* awards.

UoM hosts workshop on 'NAAC Accreditation Process'

UoM Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar lighting the lamp to inaugurate the workshop on 'NAAC Accreditation' at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in Manasagangothri this morning as UoM Registrar Dr. Lingaraja Gandhi and others look on. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, May 25 (PM&US)- A workshop on 'NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council)' was organised this morning by Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Board (PMEB) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of University of Mysore (UoM) at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in Manasagangothri here.

About 50 Chairmen of various Departments and a representative faculty participated in the workshop which included technical sessions and an interaction with the Resource Person.

Inaugurating the programme, UoM Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar contended that the NAAC accreditation process was not a simple task and added that the 4th cycle of the process is on now. He observed that the quality of teachers at UoM is quite good and opined that knowledge and skill improvement is an eternal task to keep abreast of latest development.

Former Advisor, NAAC, Dr. Vishnukanth Chatpalli was the Resource Person and briefed the participants on the accreditation process from a technical perspective and later interacted with them.

UoM Registrar Dr. Lingaraja Gandhi was the chief guest. PMEB Director Dr. S.N. Dongre, IQAC Director Dr. Guru, UoM Finance Officer Mahadevappa and others were present.

MLA Ramdas thanks voters for supporting BJP

Mysuru, May 25 (RK&DM)- Stating that the BJP has recorded an unprecedented victory in the just concluded Lok Sabha polls, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas has thanked the voters for their support to the BJP.

Addressing a thanksgiving press meet at Hotel The President on B.N. Road here this morning, Ramdas said that the KR Assembly segment, which he represents, gave the biggest margin of lead to Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat BJP candidate Pratap Simha.

Maintaining that all sections of the society, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, had voted for the BJP, Ramdas said that the BJP candidate got 1,46,691 votes from KR Assembly segment alone, which saw 177 NRIs and over 7,800 first time voters exercising their franchise.

Highlighting the party's campaign in the run up to the LS polls, Ramdas said that he would soon launch a signature campaign to make voting mandatory.

Appealing the Government to make appropriate amendments to the representation of the peoples set for mandatory exercise of franchise, Ramdas said that the 'Modi Wave' across the country has wiped out the Opposition.

Ramdas further said that he would work for fulfilling PM Narendra Modi's dream of 'House for all,' through his (Ramdas) Ashraya Scheme and also press the Government for health security, pension and other social benefits for labourers of the unorganised sector.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath, BJP leaders Jagadish, M.P. Rajesh, Vidya Urs, Noor Fatima, Balakrishna and others were present during the press meet.

NDA meeting

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A meeting of the NDA will be held at 5 pm today where the newly elected NDA MPs will meet to formally elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader, allowing him to approach the President to stake claim to government formation. The swearing-in ceremony could take place on May 30 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The Prime Minister will also visit his constituency, Varanasi, to thank voters. He won with a margin of 4.79 lakh votes. Modi said that he would also visit his mother in Gujarat to seek her blessings.

As Narendra Modi has already been announced as the Prime Ministerial candidate of the NDA, the meeting is being seen as a mere formality. The meeting of the MPs will be taking place in Parliament's Central Hall where Modi is likely to address them.

Last Cabinet meet

The Union Cabinet met last evening at the Prime Minister's Office on Raisina Hill in New Delhi. A resolution was passed to dissolve the 16th Lok Sabha, which was constituted on May 18, 2014. It was immediately followed by a Union Council of Ministers meeting at the Parliament Annexe building.

From there, PM Modi drove to Rashtrapati Bhavan and tendered his resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind, along with that of his Union Council of Ministers.

A press communiqué from the President House later read, The President has accepted the resignation and requested Narendra Modi and the Council of Ministers to continue till the new Government assumes office.

In the evening, President Kovind hosted the entire outgoing Union Council of Ministers over dinner.

Thousands write teachers recruitment exam in city

Mysuru, May 25 (RK&DM)- Thousands of aspirants appeared for the two-day competitive exam being conducted for recruitment of Graduate Teachers in Government Primary Schools at 15 centres across the city this morning.

The centres include Nirmala Convent, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Marimallappa's Educational Institutions, Avila Convent, Vijaya Vittala School etc.

The first paper was held from 10.30 am to 1 pm today and the second paper will take place at the same time tomorrow (May 26).

The exam was held under tight security, with the Police clamping prohibitory orders in 200-mts radius of every centre.

DDPI Dr. Panduranga visited a few centres in the city to oversee the conduct of exam.

Skill training at RUDSETI

Mysuru, May 25- RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, will conduct skill training programme in Computer DTP for 45 days shortly. The training is free of cost including boarding and lodging but compulsorily residential in nature.

Candidates aged between 18-45 years and residents of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar may apply along with a photocopy of the Aadhaar card.

For details, contact the Director, RUDSETI, Main Road, Hinkal, Mysuru or Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 90080-23351.

CET results

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vasudeva said he was elated and said that he had studied well and performed well both in NEET and CET examinations. "I expected to stand below 10th rank, " he said.

Vasudeva is a resident of Vishveshwaranagar and his father M.V. Vijaykumar is working as a Senior Section Officer in Accounts Department of South-Western Railway Division and mother V. Usha is a homemaker.

Rohith Raj is a resident of Chamarajapuram and is the son of N. Bharathi and P. Nataraj couple. His father said that his son stood second in PU Science stream in Mysuru district.

Sharing his joy, Rohit said that he studied for six hours daily and played basket ball for one hour to relieve stress. He wishes to pursue research in Physics and Chemistry.

Woes of PU students: Should one exam shape one's Destiny?

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

Since it is of utmost importance to get high marks in PU examinations, most serious students skip all their extra curricular activities. Like Arjuna, while trying to shoot the eye of the bird, was concentrating only on the eye, the current PU students concentrate only on securing high marks. Our students have no time for critical thinking, reading library books, finding out about the latest local, national and international development, getting involved in social work. These are the components of "true education" and not just passing examinations...

Any graduate in India before he or she completes studies would have taken hundreds of examinations. Of all the examinations, X and XII are the most important to get into the "reputed" Colleges. Even after getting into these so-called "leading" private Colleges, students are forced to take tuition paying huge fees.

Of these, XII or generally known as II PU examination is of critical importance to get into highly ranked professional or degree Colleges. Depending upon which College one gets into, it will have a far-reaching impact on one's chances of securing good jobs or getting admissions into foreign Universities. Since what one will be able to do for the rest of his/her life, students and parents are concerned about these examinations. Should this be the case?

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In the past only students who are unable to grasp the subjects or slow learners took tuition. Now it is the bright students who take tuition. They are in "coaching schools" from early in the morning before school starts and then later in the evening after school is over. In short they do not have time for anything else. They spend either in school or in tuition classes from six in the morning till 10 in the night. Under these circumstances can any one enjoy studies?

For those who have been preparing to get into IITs, life is even tougher. They have to compete for about 14,000 seats (few years back it was just around 5,000). Despite having two stages, about 2.5 lakh students take IIT entrance tests. Few years back what students got in XII did not matter to get into IITs and many students did not take them seriously. Since IIT admission is now based on the results of XII also, they have to take PU examinations seriously.

In China also admission to higher education and often to globally reputed Universities is dependent on the results of a National College Entrance Examination, commonly known as Gaokao. It is taken by 10 million Chinese youths. Gaokao creates an extremely stressful condition for students in China like the PU examinations in India. Gaokao has come under attack since it discourages critical thinking just like our rote based PU examination system. Like in India, testing time of Gaokao is the suicide season in China. One paper assigns 93% of all suicides of high school students to Gaokao.

In the US while entrance tests like Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) are taken into consideration for getting admission into Colleges, students are not under similar stress. It is possible to take SAT any number of times and the highest score secured by the students are taken into consideration. Students can appear for Gaokao and PU only once — really stressful.

In the US admission to Colleges is based on several factors. SAT is just one. Another factor is the overall performance of the student during the last four years of high school studies usually referred to as the Grade Point Average (GPA). There are other factors too. They are: leadership quality shown by the student by taking up any projects in the school or outside the school, contribution to the society by taking up any socially relevant projects, participation in sports, musical skills, artistic talents, etc.

In other words it is not just examination results and definitely not one test result which decides the DESTINY of a student. This makes the life of the students far more enjoyable compared to the stressful life of our PU students who have to worry all about getting top marks in the examinations.

We need to think of the hardships our rural or even urban students who did not have the luxury of attending private English medium schools. They have to switch over to English medium in PU College and master English to learn all subjects in English. I was one such student in 1959. I was under so much stress that I almost decided not to appear for the examination.

Having discussed why PU students spend enormous amount of time preparing to get admission into good schools, let me discuss why one can pursue other professions where one can excel without going through a stressful and strenuous student life. There are other professions like Accountancy, Sociology, Social Work (NGO work is remunerative and fulfilling), Teaching, Pharmacy, Journalism, Management, Economics, Military, Fine Arts, Nursing, Hospitality, Agriculture, etc. All these can be as fulfilling and remunerative (depending upon one's ability) as Engineering or Medicine or Law.

If a student is not interested in Engineering or Medicine, parents pushing their children to take those courses are doing a great harm to them. There are many painful stories of students who were forced to take courses they did not like. Parents should never assume that they know best and force their children to take courses they are not interested in. Anyone who has seen the famous movie, *"Three Idiots"* will appreciate this suggestion. Our society needs to take the difficult task of educating/counselling the parents when their children are in High Schools.

In conclusion, it is high time we as a society take the challenge of attending PU Colleges enjoyable and not painful or stressful as it is today.

As I have often written, we should start dismantling the whole edifice of these public examinations (SSLC and PU) which we have inherited from the British and replace them with Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

Rotary Gayathri Award to SSLC toppers

Rotary Gayathri Educational Award was presented to 30 SSLC toppers from city at a function held at Rotary Club of Mysore Educational Foundation premises on KRS Road (next to Mandovi Motors) recently. This award was instituted by PP Rtn. M.T. Ramachandra and Family, during his Presidentship in the year 1990-91. The awardees were presented with a certificate and a silver art work of Goddess Gayathri in an acrylic crystal stand. The toppers are seen with (seated from left) Seema Rajaram, Donor of the award Rtn. M.R. Rajaram, Managing Partner, Gayathri Talkies, chief guest Achutha Bachalli, Chairman of Unilog Content Solutions, President of Rotary Mysore Rtn. G.S. Sumeeth and Secretary Rtn. Ramachandra Raje Urs.

Mild tremors cause panic in Kodagu villages

NDRF teams to reach New Mangalore Port today for quick deployment in case of emergency in Kodagu

Madikeri, May 25- Panic gripped parts of Kodagu district as residents in different villages said they experienced tremor on Thursday night. Nellihudikeri, Nalvathekare and surrounding villages, which witnessed heavy rain, experienced tremors. Residents said utensils, doors and windows shook for a few seconds.

file photo

Villages in South Kodagu, including, Kurchi, Ponnampet, Kanoor, Balele, Mayamudi, Nalkeri, Kalathmadu, Koturu, Balyamanduru, Thuchamakeri and surrounding areas claimed that they heard a rumbling sound from the earth's core. Residents of Kurchi village said they rushed out of their houses for safety. The residents in other villages said the rumbling noise and mild tremors were experienced up to 10 pm.

While the residents of Ponnampet experienced mild shaking of the earth resulting in the rattling of doors and windows, residents of Balele said that the wall of a bakery developed cracks. It has been raining in Kodagu since a couple of days, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning and the residents said that last year too, parts of Kodagu including Suntikoppa, Shanthalli, Bettadalli and Makkandur had experienced tremors.

However, the Mines and Geology Department officials said that the Richter Scales installed at Harangi Dam and KRS Dam in Mandya have not recorded any tremors. "Tremors also could have been caused due to intense thunders," they said.

Reacting on the issue, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy said there was no need to panic. According to officials of Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), no tremors were recorded in the Seismograph. Scientists from Geological Survey of India are visiting Kodagu next week and they will be requested to visit these spots, she said.

"Mild tremors were restricted to a specific area. Tremors of less than 1 intensity are not recorded on Richter Scale installed at Harangi Dam. In such cases, there will be no loss to lives and property. Thus, the people have no reasons to panic," she added.

The residents, who experienced tremors, can contact the District Disaster Management Cell's toll-free number (08272-221077) and seek help, she said. Local officials in such spots have been alerted and they have been instructed to take care of people and to act upon immediately to help them, the DC added.

Meanwhile, the KSNDMC has stated that it has established 14 VSAT-enabled Permanent Seismic Monitoring Stations Network (PSMS Network) at KRS and Harangi and would take up seismic monitoring and disaster mitigation tasks as and when a micro tremor takes place. These micro tremors which are less than a magnitude of 1 on Richter Scale do not cause any damage to life and property, sources said.

NDRF deployment

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will deploy National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams in Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu for the forthcoming Southwest Monsoon. The teams will be in place today (May 25), according to a communiqué sent by NDRF top brass to the Principal Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department. A letter from Commandant, 10th Battalion, NDRF to the Principal Secretary, states that two NDRF teams that will be deployed, will not be sub-divided.

"The NDRF Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) does not permit dividing a team into two sub-teams for deployment at two different districts. However, in case of emergency, a sub-team can be deployed within a distance of 15-20 kms in the same district," the note said.

The Commandant at the same time assured that if additional NDRF teams are required in view of emergency situation with the onset of monsoon, they will be sent from the headquarters. The teams have been dispatched from NDRF base and the team will be positioned at CISF barracks at New Mangalore Port, ready for deployment at short notice.

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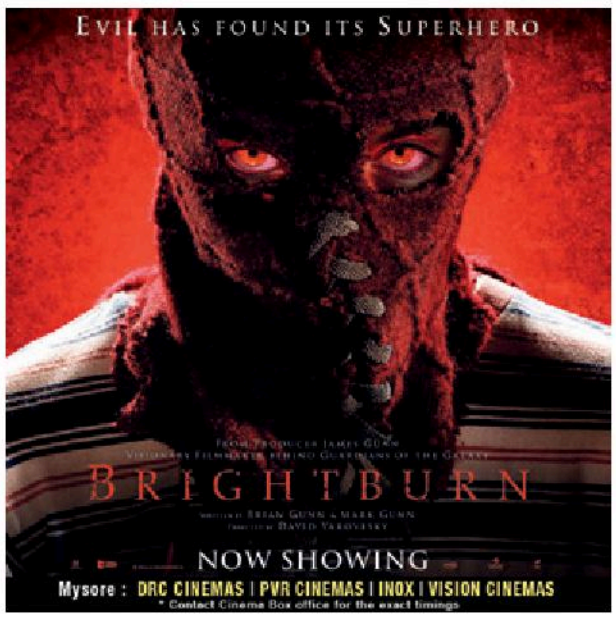
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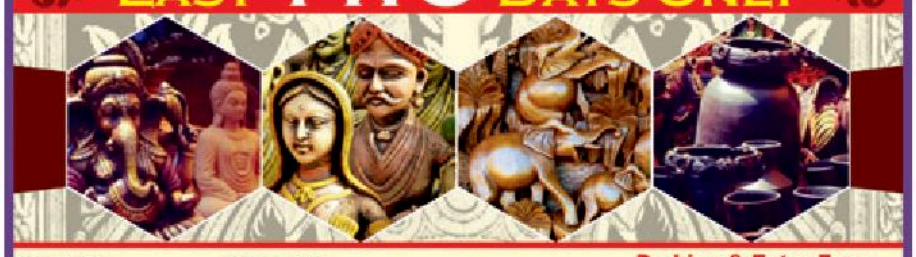
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Indo-International Premier Kabaddi League - Mysuru Leg matches begin

Indo-International Premier Kabaddi League (IIPKL) Chairman Prasad Babu, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MLA L. Nagendra, DCP (Traffic) G.N. Mohan and TV Star and IIPKL Director Ravikiran lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the Mysuru leg matches of IIPKL at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad last evening. Picture right shows dancers Vikram Suri and Namitha performing during the inaugural ceremony.

IIPKL
INDO INTERNATIONAL PREMIER KABADDI LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCHES

Chennai Challengers Vs Mumbai Che Raje, 8 pm

Diler Delhi Vs Haryana Heroes, 9 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pondicherry Predators beat Pune Pride 41-33

Haryana Heroes drew with Bangalore Rhinos 36-36

Diler Delhi beat Telugu Bulls 41-37

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Pondicherry Predators and Pune Pride players in action at Chamundi Vihar Stadium yesterday.

Mysuru, May 25- An excellent super tackle raid by raider Sunil Jaipal enabled Group 'B' leaders Diler Delhi to register a exciting 41-37 win over a fighting Telugu Bulls team in the final match of the day on Friday night at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, in the Mysuru leg of the Into-International Premier Kabaddi League (IIPKL), which began in city yesterday.

Inspiring play by Sunil Jaipal, who made a successful super tackle in the last minute of the play and secured three points when the scores were level 37-37, helped his team Diler Delhi to score an exciting 41-37 win over Telugu Bulls.

At half-time, Telugu Bulls led 22-17. Inspiring raiding by Abhinandan Kumar for Telugu Bulls enabled them to forge ahead. Delhi lead the points table in Group 'B' with this win with 11 points.

In the second match of the day, Haryana Heroes and Bangalore Rhinos were involved in drawn encounter 36-36. Both the teams shared points.

In the day's first match, Pondicherry Predators scored an upset 41-33 win over Group 'A' leaders Pune Pride who suffered their first loss in the league.

Excellent play by R. Suresh Kumar for Pondicherry Predators who secured 12 points from his nine raids helped his team's cause. At one stage, both the teams were level 27-27, but with five minutes to go, inspiring play by Pondicherry's players enabled them to outsmart Pune's strategy and they forged ahead to a score of 37-28. Pune came back strongly to reduce the margin through some good play by Amarjeet Singh and Sheikh Abdullah, but Pondicherry hung on to register an upset win.

Good raiding and tackling by Pondicherry Predators enabled them to effect this win. Pune Pride despite their first loss lead Group 'A' with 10 points.

World Cup Warm-Up: India face New Zealand in quest of suitable No.4 batsman

London, May 25- Under the captaincy of Virat Kohli, India will take on New Zealand in their first World Cup 2019 warm-up match at the Kennington Oval on Saturday. **The clash will begin at 3 pm IST with the toss to take place at 2.30 pm.**

While India have two World Cup titles to their name, New Zealand are yet to clinch their maiden title in the 50-over ICC mega event. Ahead of India's World Cup 2019 opener against South Africa on June 5, Virat Kohli and his team are in a desperate hunt for a suitable number four batsman, mostly among those that haven't been tested for the slot. KL Rahul, Vijay Shankar and Kedar Jadhav remain to be top contenders for the number four slot.

India's Vijay Shankar, right, and Ravindra Jadeja check out the bats during a training session at The Oval in London on Friday.

Dubbed the most challenging World Cup ever owing to a format that is a throwback to the 1992 edition, Virat Kohli's team still arrived at the United Kingdom confident of adding to its two titles in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) showpiece event.

India won the tournament in 1983 and 2011. Kohli's men, second behind England in the one-day international rankings, will start the tournament among the favourites alongside the host nation and defending champions Australia.

They begin their campaign in tournament proper against South Africa in Southampton on June 5, but India will get their first feel of the mega event in the iconic British capital.

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Hailstorm uproots roof of veterinary hospital

Mysuru, May 25 (RKB&US)- The hailstorm that lashed the city on Thursday evening uprooted the asbestos roof of Government Veterinary Hospital in Ittigegud here. The asbestos sheets got broken into pieces on falling to the ground.

The hospital opened to sky got flooded submerging the furniture. The hailstones broke the glass top of tables. A few medicine was also damaged. A major fatality was averted as none was present then at the hospital. The loss is estimated at Rs.50,000 and beyond, according to officials.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Department of Animal Husbandry Deputy Director Ajith said: "I have inspected the damage after the incident. Only the roof sheets are broken. The furniture is intact but wet because of submersion in water. The medicines kept in the cupboard are safe, so also the records. The roof of the 20 ft x 50 ft building has to be redone with new asbestos sheets for which a proposal would be sent to the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO and approval obtained to relay the sheets immediately."

Modi should construct Ram Mandir: Pejawar Seer

Pejawar Seer

Hunsur, May 25 (HSM&DM)- Maintaining that consolidation of Hindu votes helped the BJP in recording a landslide victory in the just held Lok Sabha polls, Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji has appealed Prime Minister Narendra Modi to begin work on the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya soon.

Speaking to *SOM* at Raghavendra Swamy Temple in Hunsur town last night, the Seer, who was on the way to Mysuru, said that the people of the country have reposed faith in the strong leadership of Prime Minister Modi. Maintaining that Modi should bring in a law to stop cow slaughter, the Seer urged the PM to be responsive to the sentiments of the Hindu community.

Observing that Ram Mandir represents the sentiment of Hindus, the Seer said that pressing for Ram Mandir does not mean that Hindus are against other religions.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, May 25 (US)-The body of an unidentified man, aged about 60 years, 5'6" tall, oval faced, lean built and wearing khaki coloured pant with red and white striped shirt, was found lying near railway coach no.7423 of train no.56268 on platform 2 at City Railway Station on May 19.

The body has been kept in the MMC&RI Mortuary. Next of the kin of the deceased, if any, can contact the Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Gormless

Pronunciation: GORM-lus.
Meaning: Lacking intelligence : stupid.
Origin: Gormless began life as the English dialect word gaumless, which was altered to the modern spelling when it expanded into wider use in the late 19th century. The origins of gaumless are easy to understand; the word derives from a combination of the dialect noun gaum, meaning "attention" or "understanding," and the suffix -less. This gaum has a related verb, also limited to dialect use, meaning "to pay attention to" and "to understand." Perhaps surprisingly, the four-letter gaum has multiple additional dialectal uses that are etymologically unrelated to these. Also noun-and-verb pairs, gaum means "a sticky or greasy mess" and "to smudge or smear especially with something sticky or greasy," as well as "a stupid doltish person" and "to behave in a stupid or awkward manner." Use of all of these pales in comparison to that of gormless, however, which is most frequently seen in British English.
Example: It would be difficult to think of many things more gormless than driving a car while blindfolded.... — Fergus Kelly, The Express, 16 Jan. 2019.

THE ODD WORD

Gobemouche

A gullible or credulous listener.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A game of two halves

Meaning: Circumstances have changed suddenly.
Origin: This football (soccer) commentator's cliché refers to games which have a different character in the two halves. The source of the phrase isn't clear. It was in wide use by 1990 when it was listed in a posting in the Usenet newsgroup - rec.sport.soccer. That posting cited a 'soccer dictionary' of 1988/89 as the source.

QUOTE BOX

We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it within themselves. **—Galileo Galilei**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus below:

Answer: Turn the other cheek.

SUDOKU

	6		1					
8			2	9				
	3			6				8
7					4	6	8	
		3				4		
	5	1	8					7
1				8			9	
				3	7			4
					1		7	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	4	6	1	8	7	3	2
7	2	3	5	4	9	8	1	6
8	6	1	7	3	2	5	9	4
2	5	6	4	9	3	1	8	7
1	8	7	2	5	6	3	4	9
3	4	9	1	8	7	6	2	5
4	3	2	8	6	5	9	7	1
9	1	5	3	7	4	2	6	8
6	7	8	9	2	1	4	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Conceal, veil or disguise
5 Perform in front of an audience
8 The famous lioness in Joy Adamson's Born Free?
12 Analogy words
13 An exclamation of intense scorn! (4,4)
15 Is a trait of
17 Folded a page corner
18 Cries bitterly
19 Old time movie Anokhi ___
21 Lucid
24 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
27 To have affect on
30 Unseal - poetically speaking!
31 More certain
32 Electronic Instrument Sys.
33 For each individual (3,6)
35 Commonly used insecticide
36 Bitter or sour
37 Standard in short?
39 Vegetable - it may even be French?
41 Small South African antelope
45 Horseman without saddle (8,5)
49 Greek maiden of legend
50 Fitzgerald of scat
51 "Laughing Cavalier" painter
52 U.S. net giant: abbr.
53 Cathedral dignitary

DOWN

1 Little nibblers who are fond of cheese
2 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
3 Standard Terminal Arrival Route
4 South ___ : Seoul is its capital?
5 Aide-de-camp, in short
6 Cathode Ray Tube
7 Tread on a person's ____ : of fend his feelings or privileges?
8 Fit to eat
9 Made fewer, decreased
10 Self addressed envelope, in short; 11 Air Data Sys.
14 Roman imperial administrator
16 The capital of Ethiopia (5,5)
20 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
22 Boric or nitric?
23 Take it easy
24 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
25 Specification in short
26 Of or relating to the brain or the intellect
28 Calendar abbreviation
29 ___ off : frees from duty or responsibility; excuses?
34 Anglers' baskets
38 Cut and ____ : ready, inflexible?
40 Mr. Patekar of Bollywood
42 Not working
43 "Able" to change into a local girl?; 44 Oil country
45 Exclamation of contempt
46 Air Transport Assoc.
47 Cent. Tele. Off.
48 RK's ___ Aaj Aur ___

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	S	K	S		A	S	I	A		S	O	S
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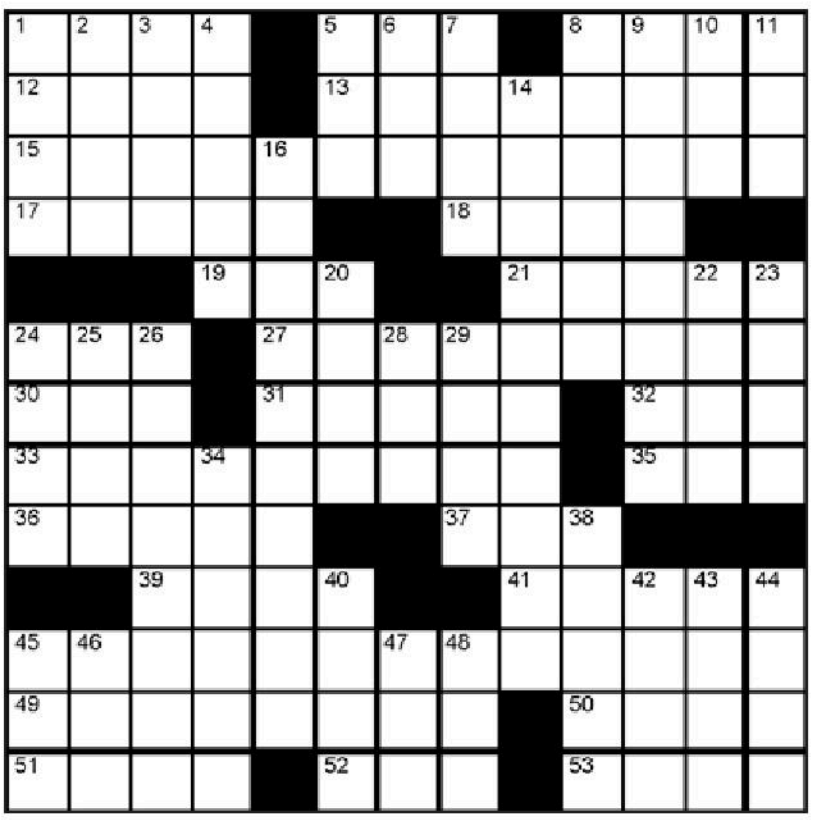

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HIYPY UA G TPYGH LYGO JQ LUQQYPYVSY NYHKYYV GV YGTYP

EGV KIJ KGVHA HJ PYGL G NJJD GVL HIY HUPYL

EGV KIJ KGVHA G NJJD HJ PYGL

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nothing can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it is his own.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
D/o Parvathamma	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Weekend	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Race	Lakshmi	2443584	M.Show
Kanchana 3	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
99	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Premier Padmini	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
PM Narendra Modi	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Aladdin	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
009	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Lisaa	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Maharshi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Seetha	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Khubsurat Naukrani	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 2 pm, 4.40, 7.20 pm
Seetha (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
D/o Parvathamma (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 4.45 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
John Wick: Chapter 3 (E)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Ishq (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Race (K)	(S-3)	10.55 pm
Weekend (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
PM Narendra Modi (H)	(S-3)	7.20 pm; (S-4) 2 pm
Brightburn (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.30 am
India's Most Wanted (H)	(S-4)	4.45 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.55 pm

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India's Most Wanted (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.05 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.25 pm
Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 12.45 pm
	(S-1)	7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
PM Narendra Modi (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Race (K)	(S-4)	12.25 pm
D/o Parvathamma (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Neeya-2 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Lisaa (Ta)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
Brightburn (E)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 5.25 pm
Weekend (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Ishq (Ma)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Seetha (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm

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Aladdin (E-3D)	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
D/o Parvathamma (K)	10.30 am, 7.30 pm
India's Most Wanted (H)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Weekend (K)	10.45 am
PM Narendra Modi (H)	1.00 pm, 7.10 pm
Brightburn (E)	1.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Seetha (Te)	3.50 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	3.55 pm
Ishq (Ma)	10.00 pm

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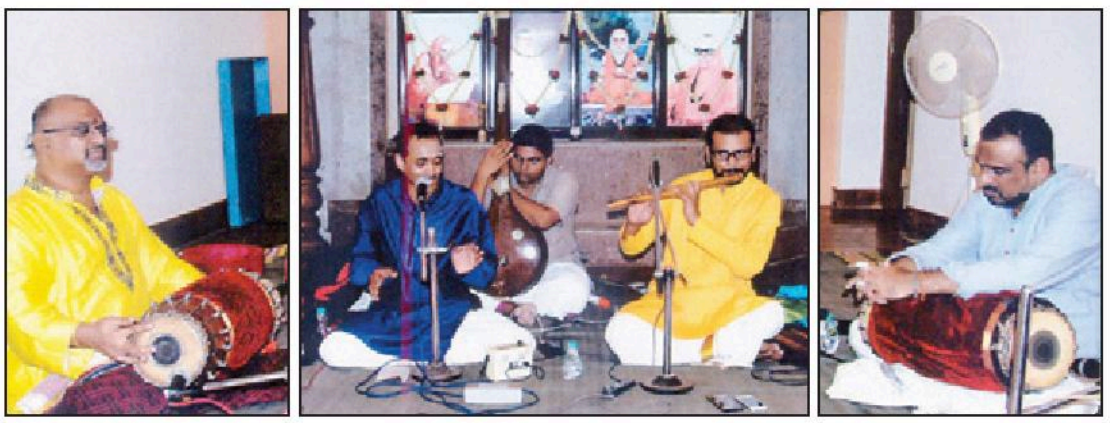
Vocal music concert at Suttur Mutt



Vidwan Pattabhirama Pandit seen presenting a vocal music concert at the monthly moonlight music programme at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on May 18. He was accompanied by Vidwan Mysore A. Chandan Kumar on flute, Vidwan H.S. Sudheendra and Vidwan K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Rushikesh on tamboori.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 25)

Horticulture Department: Mango and Jackfruit Mela-2019, Curzon Park, **up to 7 pm.**

Solitaire Art Gallery: 'Splendour of water colours,' an exhibition of painting by H.P. Rangaswamy, Gallery premises, 9th Cross, near Ganesha Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **up to 7 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, #Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for children by Padma Panduranga, Secretary, Mysore Mahila Vedike, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: 77th Birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, 20th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 21st Anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Distribution of Charities, **5 pm;** Chaitanya Archana - Conferring of Datta Peetha Titles — Veda Nidhi – Sri Gullapalli Seetharamachandra Ghanapathi, Rajahmundry; Shastra Nidhi - Dr. Devadatta Patil, Goa; Nada Nidhi - Vid. Karaikudi R. Mani, Chennai; Asthana Vidwan - Dr. Sanat Kumara Sharma, Matturu; Asthana Vidwan - Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, Chennai; Asthana Vidwan - Pt. Yogesh Samshi, Mumbai; Asthana Vidwan - Vid. Giridhar Udupa, Bengaluru; Datta Peetha Bandhu - Sri Kalyan Das, Hyderabad; Datta Peetha Bandhu - Sri Burra Bhaskara Dutt, Hyderabad; Jayalakshmi Puraskar - Pushpa Iyengar, Mysuru; Vishwa Hindu - Narendra Chowdary, Hyderabad; Praani Bandhu - Dr. H. Subhash, Mysuru; Sasya Bandhu - Jyoti N. Parekh, Mumbai, Ashrama premises, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple: Kumbhabhisheka Mahotsava of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari, Devaranama by Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Sahasranama Mandali, Mysuru, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Saxophone Recital by Dr. Kadri Gopalnath and party, Chennai, Temple premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **7.15 pm to 10 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Vipranandaji speaks on "Swami Vivekananda's letter to his brother disciples," Ashrama premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: 'Veena Gaana Sambhrama' in memory of veena artiste and Guru Vid. M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Karnatak Classical Veena Recital by Vidu. Revathi Sadashivam, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-259, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, former President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Prof. N. Girigowda presides, Kannada & Culture Department retd. Dy. Director M.G. Sadanandaiah delivers talk on 'Sharanara Satyada Shodha,' Bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali, #65, opposite Allamaprabhu Park, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalitadripura, **6 pm.**

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Vocal concert by Vidu. Vidya Kalyana Raman of Chennai, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple: Annual Celebrations, Varshotsava, Temple Road, Tilak Nagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 26)

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: 77th Birthday Celebrations of Pujya Sri Swamiji, Mrutyunjaya and Ayushya Homa, **7 am;** Pratyaksha Pada Puja to Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, **9 am;** Samarpana by devotees, **10.30 am;** Piano recital by Jens Meru Keller from Denmark, Ashrama premises, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple: Kumbhabhisheka Mahotsava of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari, Sahasra Kalashabhisheka, Soundarya Lahari Parayana by Mahila Sanghas, **9 am;** Bharatanatyam 'Krishna Leele' by Sri Nrityа Niketana, Mysuru, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Devotional Songs by Vid. Shashidhara Kote and troupe, Bengaluru, Temple premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **7.15 pm to 10 pm.**

Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), IAP Infectious Diseases Chapter and IAP Mysore District Branch: Inauguration of South Zone and Antimicrobials Stewardship (AMS) Module, Sri Rajendra Centenary auditorium, 3rd Floor, JSS Hospital, M.G. Road, **9.30 am.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, #Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Solitaire Art Gallery: 'Splendour of water colours,' an exhibition of painting by H.P. Rangaswamy, Gallery premises, 9th Cross, near Ganesha Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Horticulture Department: Mango and Jackfruit Mela-2019, Curzon Park, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Lions Club of Mysore South: Dakshina Kesari SSLC Toppers Award-2019 presentation ceremony, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi chief guest, LCI Dist. 317A Region Chairperson Ln. S. Suresh Babu and Zonal Chairperson Ln. Jaya Kumar guests of honour, President Ln. K.K. Mohan presides, Institute of Excellence, Vijnana Bhavan auditorium, UoM, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Karnatak Classical Veena by Vidu. R.S. Jayalakshmi and Vidu. C. Charulatha, accompanied by Vid. Ravishankar B. Tumkur on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Greeshma Rangotsava-2019, staging of play 'Buddhayaana' by Charvaka Trust, Mysuru, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Taralabalu Samagama: Basava and Akkamahadevi Jayantyotsava, 'Bava Sangama' and Endowment Programme, talk on 'Namma Badukinalli Akka-Basava' by Dr. Latha, Mysuru, Taralabalu Samagama President N. Omkarappa presides; Vachana Gayana by Hindustani Singer from Mysuru - Ramesh Kolukunda and troupe, Taralabalu Students Hostel premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple: Annual Celebrations, Shayanotsava, Temple Road, Tilak Nagar, **7 pm.**

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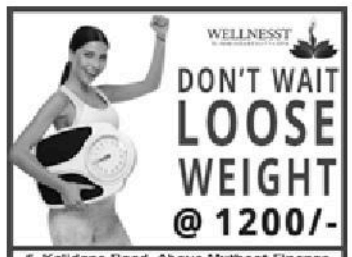

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